

Remarks

Claims 1-30 are pending in the instant application. Applicants have amended claims 2-17, 19-22 and 24-30 to more fully conform with U.S. practice. Applicants have cancelled claims 18 and 23, without prejudice. The amendments do not constitute new matter.

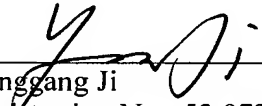
The enclosed substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(3) and 1.125 is for publication purposes and does not contain any markings. It includes a new first paragraph cross referencing the related priority applications.

Applicants provide herewith copies of the published international application, the international search report, the written opinion and the international preliminary report on patentability. Also enclosed is the Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references and a copy of each non-US citation.

A signed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully assert that all amendments are fairly based on the specification, and respectfully request their entry. Applicants believe that the claims, as amended, are in allowable form and earnestly solicited the allowance of claims 1-17, 19-22 and 24-30.

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